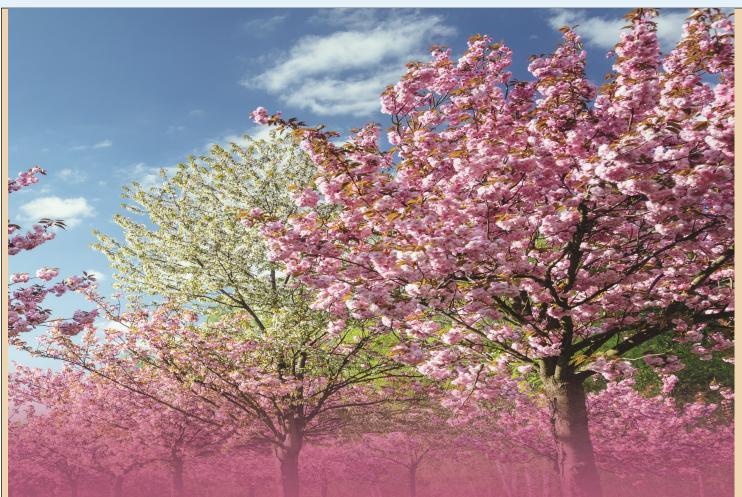


Together in Christ Collaborative Saint Ann & Saint John

> June 2, 2019 Seventh Sunday of Easter





# 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." - Jn 17:20

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## **EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

St John's Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Teen Mass –6 p.m., September—March Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday 9:00 a.m. In the Chapel Divine Mercy every Thursday After Mass.

St Ann's Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Teen Mass—6:30, September—March Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri. 9:00 a.m.

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Parochial Vicar Rev. Michael K. Harvey

## **Permanent Deacons:**

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT St John's - every WEDNESDAY from 7-8 p.m. in the Church. St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m. Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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Deacon Joe Hopgood Paul Hoffman Denise Robichaud Ben Williams Nancy Maloney Margaret Mary Williams

**Jackie Buccigross** 

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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<u>Saturday, June 1, 2019</u> 4:00 - William Monahan <u>Sunday, June 2, 2019</u> 8:00 - All the souls in Purgatory 10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John <u>Saturday, June 8, 2019</u> 4:00 - Francisco Figueiredo — 24th Anniversary <u>Sunday, June 9, 2019</u> 8:00 - All the First Responders of the Parish 10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. - Lk 24:51 My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was preparing to receive Confirmation, I chose the name "Stephen" as my Confirmation name, a step in the journey toward the Sacrament which signifies the "change" which takes place in the Confirmandi. When I mentioned this to my sponsor, they remarked how wonderful it was that I had chosen that name. When I



asked why, they pointed out that all of my given names (first, middle and (now) Confirmation) were all martyrs. I wasn't quite sure, at the time, how wonderful this was!

As a teenager, I didn't necessarily think of martyrdom as a good thing; as I've gotten older, I realize that each one of us who live the Christian life is called to be a martyr in some fashion. When one accepts and lives their relationship with Christ, one is called to "die to self" so that Christ might live in us. St. Stephen, widely recognized as the first Christian martyr, saw this union with Christ as something to be striven for, something to be entered into fully. Even his final words in which he commends his spirit to God and forgives his persecutors echo the words and actions of Christ. Stephen remains for the Church a powerful witness and testament to how a life lived in union with Christ can bear great fruit.

As Jesus readies the disciples for their new roles of service and ministry, He prays for both the preacher and those who will receive the Word. Jesus further prays for union between Himself (and the Father) and the disciples. This union will be necessary during those times when they are weary and might lose hope. If they feel that they are alone, that they are doing this by themselves, then they might abandon the cause. If they know, however, that God does not and will not leave them abandoned, then they can do amazing things. This is where we "fit in". We have, through our Baptism and Confirmation, been given a "commission" to go out and preach and teach, heal and minister. Like those disciples prayed for by Jesus, we, too, have the power of the Spirit at work in our lives. Like those sent forth by Christ, we do so in union with God, sharing in the One Spirit who comes to all who call upon the Spirit for strength, guidance and peace.

There may be times when we think that we are in charge, that we are "calling the shots". This is a dangerous thing, indeed, because when we lose sight of the fact that we are nothing without God, we run the risk of falling prey to the Evil One. As the old expression goes, "pride goeth before the fall"; it is a sin which has been repeated time and time again. If, however, we realize that with God (and only with God) we can do all things, then we will, indeed, bear great fruit. May we have the courage to strive for union with God in Christ Jesus. May we, through the power of the Holy Spirit, not only call upon but rely on the gifts of the Spirit. May these gifts, freely given out of love for us by God, help us to go out to all the world and tell the Good News, the saving message, that Christ has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us newness of life!

Have a (Continued) Blessed Easter Season,

Fr. Paul

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

The Next Second Collection June 9th — Seminary Collection					
Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget		St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS					
OFFERTORY 5/19/19	\$3,652	\$3,680		\$4,128	\$5,625
GRAND ANNUAL	\$20,088	\$32,000		\$19,734	\$32,000

Saturday, May 18th, Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley ordained thirteen men to the Priesthood at the newly renovated Cathedral of the Holy Cross. This is the largest group of newly ordain priests in the Archdiocese in nearly two Decades.

Cardinal Lean said "As priests we are called to embrace a life of holiness, discipleship and service. These newly ordained priest s will bring the sacramental presence and the care and compassion of Jesus Christ to the people they serve. We thank them for the commitment to join their fellow priests in the Archdioceses and throughout the Church in witnessing the presence of the Lord to Catholics from all walks of life and all people in their parishes and local communities.

The following is a list of all the candidates for ordination: The Pilot, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Boston, has feature profiles of all the candidates in last week's edition. (Friday, May 24h edition)

**Rev. Joseph Ray Almeida** — born in Rockville Conn. On March 19, 1983. . He has a degree in computer information systems and a BA in philosophy and an MA in Theology, the latter two degrees from St. John Seminary. He has been assigned to St. Mary of the Assumption, Brookline. He is an alumnus of Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary.

**Rev Maciej Araszkiewicz** — A proud son of Poland, Maciej was born on May 26, 1978, in Bydgoszcz. He attended schools in his native Poland and has two advanced degrees: A Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Technology and Agriculture, Bydogoszcz and an MA in Computer Science from the University of Nicolaus Copernicus, Torun. An alumnus of Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary. He deaconate assignment was to Our Lady of the Assumption, East Boston.

**Rev. Corey Bassett-Tirrell** — was born in Barnstable on September 16, 1980. He attended Mount Ida College and obtained a certificate in Mortuary Science. He worked for a number of years in funeral services before entering Pope St. John XXIII Seminary. His deaconate year has been at St. Bridget, Framingham.

**Rev. Christopher John Boyle** — was born in Boston on Sept. 19, 1978. He earned a BA in Communications from St. Joseph College, Standish, Maine. He is an alumnus of the Pontifical North American College in Rome; was granted an STB (Bachelor of Sacred Theology) from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas and is a candidate for the STL (Licence in Sacred Theology from the Angelicum. His first Mass will be at St. Mary's in Hanover. **Rev. Marcos Enrique** — born in Valencia, Spain on Oct. 20, 1983., attended school in Spain and the United State. He has a BA from the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. and has pursued graduate studies in Philosophy at Boston College. He will serve his first Mass at St. Jospeh-St. Lazarus, East Boston.

**Rev. Timothy Paul Hynes** — born Dec. 10, 1982 in Nashua, NH. He has a dual major, Computer science and Philosophy from Assumption College in Worchester and an MA in Philosophy from Boston College. He served as a software engineer and as a missionary in Lima, Peru. He will serve his first Mass at St. Patrick Parish in Lawrence.

**Rev. Przemyslaw Tomasz Kasprzak** — born in Slupsk, Poland on May 5, 1984 and grew up in Sw. Maksymiliana Marii Kiobego Parish there. He has a Master's Degreen in production engineering from Technical University of Szczecin, Poland. He is an alumnus Redemptoris Mater Archdiocese Missionary Seminary. He will serve his first Mass at St. Patrick in Brockton.

**Rev. Brian Peter O'Hanlon** — A native of Falls Church, Virginia, born Feb 4, 1986. He has a BS in Mathematics and Logic from Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University. Prior to entering St. John Seminary, he worked at Mitre Corp. as an information security scientist. He will celebrate his first Mass at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes in Newton.

**Rev. Mark Teodor Olejnik** — born in Brighton on Nov. 27, 1988. He has a BA in Theology from Boston College. His deaconate year was at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Revere.

**Rev. William Henry Robinson** — born in Waltham on Aug. 12, 1983. He has a BA in Politics from Ithaca College and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Boston's Suffolk University. He is currently a member of the Air Force Chaplaincy Program. His first Mass will be at St. Brigid, Lexington.

**Rev. Carignan Langlois Rouse** — A native of Tallahassee, Florida. He has an undergraduate degree in Philosophy from St. Philip Seminary, Toronto, Ontario. His first Mass will be at St. Anthony Parish, Cambridge.

**Rev. Victor Luna Vitug** —was born in Quezon, Philippines on Mar. 5, 1952. He attended schools in his native Philippines and was graduated from De la Salle University Manila with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1972. His deaconate year was at St. Joseph Parish in Lynn and he will serve his first Mass there.

**Rev. James Paul Wargovich** —born May 23, 1993 in Weymouth. He earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Providence College prior to entering St. John Seminary. He will serve his first Mass at Corpus Christi Parish, Sandwich

## **NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)**



#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER @ 774-240-8095 or jchbaker@msn.com

> New mailing address: P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379



Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday

Adoration —- First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

#### **Summer Lunch Program 2019**

The St. Vincent dePaul Society at St. Ann's is working with other town social service organizations to provide extra food this summer for families with children on the free/reduced price lunch at school, or any family in need. We are asking parishioners to donate grocery cards from either Trucchi's or Market Basket to be distributed to families in need. Please place the grocery cards or money in an envelope marked Summer Lunch, in the St. Vincent dePaul box at the doors of the church. The cards will be distributed at the Parish Center on the following Mondays : June 24, July 8 and 22, August 12 and 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you have a question, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535, <u>linda@santry.org</u>

Our Fr. Peter Francis, who is in residence at Saint Ann's and is a Chaplain at the VA Hospital in Brockton, is looking for volunteers who would be willing to help patients to and from their rooms to attend Mass on Sundays mornings.

If you are interested in helping, please call the Rectory. 508-586-4880

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#### St Ann Prayer Line:

To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.



#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

MEAT RAFFLE WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

June 2, 2019 7th Sunday of Easter

We were created for community. Human beings are not meant to be alone. As each of us grows in our relationship with Jesus, we find ourselves drawn further into community. Our stewardship never reflects just on us, but on the Body of Christ to which we belong.

When speaking to his Father, Jesus always spoke about all of us as a whole. Jesus has a unique relationship with each and every one of us, but he also sees us collectively as one. When the Holy Spirit was sent to assist us until the Second Coming, she ascended upon a multitude, not just one person at a time.

We are called to live a fruitful stewardship way of life. It is by that fruit that we can tell if we are really giving of ourselves in a generous manner. However, the fruits that result from my stewardship and your stewardship will never amount to more than what we can produce together.

As you try ever harder to cultivate what God has given you and offer it back to Him with an increase, what does your relationship with your parish community look like? How has your stewardship helped enable your community to become a clearer reflection of God? It is important to reflect on these things because we can sometimes find ourselves drifting away from community if we are not careful. We are always stronger together. We never want to wake up one day and find ourselves alone.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## **NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)**

#### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Maureen Campbell, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Tom Walsh & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

#### CATHOLIC APPEAL

I am pleased to share that St John Parish has raised \$23,195 toward our 2019 Catholic Appeal goal of \$25,721. Thank you to all who have helped make our campaign a success. If you have yet to give, we need your help! Please give today to help us reach goal by June 30th. Gifts can be made online at Boston CatholicAppeal.org or by completing a pledge envelope available at the Church exits. On behalf of Cardinal Seán O'Malley and all who will benefit from your generosity, thank you for your support.

#### ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

9:00-2:00

Bring these items to the parking lot:

Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, DVD, Stereo Equipment,Computer Tower, Lighting,Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc.,Circuit Boards, Radios, Modems,Word Processor,Fans,Record Player, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc.,Tape Players, Typewriters(Small items with a plug and more)...\$5 ea.

Appliances: Stove, dishwasher, Washer, Dryer..\$20, Ex. Equip... \$20, Dehumid.AC...\$15, Dorm Fridge \$15-20, Large Fridge \$35

Glass Monitors, Flat Panel Monitors, etc...\$15 ea.

TV's: 15-35,Large Projection TV..\$40, empty Propane Tanks...\$10.

Scrap/Junk Metal....\$10 car load, Small copier...\$5, large copier...\$10

Cables, Keyboards, Car Batteries , Cell Phones... No Fee

Also included: Bicycle Recycle Day, no fee. Bring your unwanted old or new bicycle and drop it off, it will be reused again. Mountain,Road,BMX, Cruiser, Old (1940's to current)/New, Kids, etc.

Our aim is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused.

(We can pick up bicycles if you cannot get them there)

Questions: Please contact Dennis Wood 508 277 7513

## **EMPORTANT DATES**

Rosary after daily Masses. Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass. Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed) Baptismal Prep — Wed. before the Baptismal Date—7 PM

> The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul Saint John's Conference PO Box 544 East Bridgewater, MA 02333

May 26: Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

In the month of May, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting many families, providing food, and money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You for your continued generosity.

## Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month.  $-1^{st}$  Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the  $3^{rd}$  Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

#### SUMMERFEST CRAFT FAIR/YARD SALE

JUNE 8TH (Rain date June 22nd) 8:00-2:00

St John's Parking Lot \$25 for a space, Bring your own table

You can sell your crafts or yard sale items

Please call MaryAnn Boyle 508-378-4704



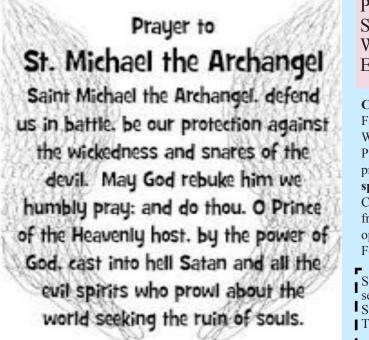
SAINT JOHN'S IN NEED OF A TEAM OF CLEANERS.

TWO PEOPLE TO WORK AS A TEAM HELPING TO KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN FOR MASSES ON THE WEEKEND.

IT WOULD BE A FIVE-WEEK ROTATION, SO YOU WOULD ONLY HAVE TO CLEAN EVERY FIFTH WEEK.

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY.

SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 25TH FOR THE PARISH PICNIC About the Archdiocese of Boston: The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 36,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of 200,000 individuals through its pastoral and social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholic.org.



Please remember Saint Ann's and Saint John's When doing your Estate Planning!



**Come celebrate with us!** On Pentecost Sunday (June 9) Family Rosary will be hosting a Special Mass with Bishop William A. Wack, C.S.C. in honor of their founder Venerable Patrick Peyton and his continued mission to help families pray. All families are welcome and the Bishop will grant a **special blessing for families**. Event to be held at St. Joseph Chapel, 500 Washington Street, North Easton, MA 02356 from 2:00-3:00 pm. Event is free, handicap accessible and open to the public.

For more info: Family Rosary at 508-238-4095.

Some of the telephone numbers listed to call your State Representatives were incorrect. We apologize for any inconvenience. Sullivan — 617-722-02014, DuBois — 617-722-2011, Timilty — 617-722-1643.